

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
No. 5:20-CV-00242-FL

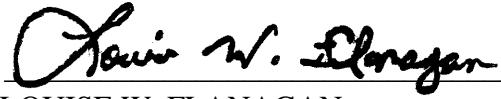
ERNEST YOUNGBLOOD, )  
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Plaintiff,             )  
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KILOLO KIJAKAZI,      ) ORDER APPROVING ATTORNEY  
Acting Commissioner of Social Security,   ) FEES PURSUANT TO 42 U.S.C. § 406(b)  
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Defendant.             )

Plaintiff's counsel filed a motion for approval of attorney's fees under section 206(b) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 406(b), in the amount of \$24,000.00. Attorney's fees under section 206(b) are paid from past-due benefits awarded to a successful claimant. 42 U.S.C. § 406(b).

Defendant filed a response, stating that under *Gisbrecht v. Barnhart*, 535 U.S. 789 (2002), it is the duty of the Court to determine a reasonable fee.

It is ORDERED that Plaintiff's counsel be awarded fees under 42 U.S.C. § 406(b) in the amount of \$24,000.00 and to refund the previously awarded EAJA fees to Plaintiff in the amount of \$5,756.50.

This 21st day of April, 2023.

  
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LOUISE W. FLANAGAN  
United States District Judge